

On the Death of the most sadly, ever to be

JAMES LORD MARQUESS

Funeral

TOgether Rendezvous, you Watry Clouds,
 Distill your selves into *Tears* bitter Flouds;
 A new *Deluge*, whereby you may Compose
 To weep the Death of th' *Marquess* of *Montrose*:
Death, Death, I'll not dyve in *Thy* Origine,
 Let *Divines* judge, how *Thou* at first came in:
 Vagrant, Ubiquiter, through th' world does roam;
 Yet in each House, still present is at Home:
 Though Uncreated, Lifeless, yet to *Thee*,
 The *Lord* of *Life*, on *Cross* did yielder be;
 Though *Thou* the Wages be of Sin, 'tis strange
 On th' innocent *Thy* Wrath should bear revenge;
 In Sicknes-Bed, has stoll'n upon that *Heart*,
 In Field with *Sword* could have out-dar'd *Thy* Dart:
 The Mount has Levell'd, where the *Rose* did grow,
 From Foes Wound-wrinkles kept old *Albion's* Brow,
 Which brings all *Flow'rs* within our *Paradise*
 Into a mourning withered sad disguise;
 A dismal loss unto the Age does bring
 Long before Summer, plucked in the Spring;
 The *Royal-Thistle* causing to be sad
 To see *His* Darling *Rose* so soon to fade,
 Whose Fragrancy did please the *Lions* Scent,
His Guardian, for whom life would have spent;
 For whom our lower Ranks of Subjects *Groans*,
 The highers ears fills with unwonted *Moans*;
Princes and *Peers* together seem to strive
 For *Thee*, the deepest sorrow to contrive:
 A general grief does all the Land ov'rsread,
 It's *Love* and *Joy*, with *Death's* dark Vail is clade,
 By *Albany* ought never be forgot,
Crowns-Royal-Line endeavour'd to promote:
 When that in *War* ingaged was 'gainst *France*,
 In *England* did a *Scottish-Troop* advance:
 Most quick *Engine*, with *Arms* and *Arts* acquaint,
 To *Camp* and *Colledge* was an Ornament;
 In *Van* led *Royal-Guard* with such a Grace,
 Rais'd *Courage* in each *Guarders* *Breast* and *Face*;
 In *Cathedral* desir'd the *Miter* shine
 As well as *Wars*, observ'd Church-Discipline:
Natures choise *Jewel* of *Nobilitie*,
 Enliv'd, and honour'd *Magnanimitie*.
 On *State-Stage* early flourishing aspir'd,
 Young *Matchivilian*, by the old admir'd,